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1. Tallinn has been built up into the status of a secondary naval base. Down to the beginning of 1953 even such light Soviet warships as torpedo boats and destroyers had to be sent to Kronshtadt for repairs and overhaul. The commandant of the Kronshtadt yard is Rear Adm. A. A. Burkalov, with Rear Adm. Archipov as his deputy.
2. Improvements at Tallinn have permitted the overhaul of destroyers there, and since the spring of 1953 this has become the destroyer base. The commandant of the yard is Capt. A. N. Lebedev.
3. Submarines also have been going to Tallinn instead of Kronshtadt for overhaul since Jul 1953. The submarine yard is called "Spasat'yelnaya Baza Poplavy Krasnoznamennogo Baltiyskogo Flota". The submarine yard is in the old harbor and has a floating dock that can take K type submarines.
4. The training ship Komsomolets, commanded by Capt. Doshkarev, left Tallinn at the beginning of Jun 1953 and cruised until Sep 53 between that place, Riga, Libau and Pillau.

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